



Sectoral Convention for the Recognition of Credit in Masters by Research and Doctoral Degrees

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Definitions

1. Within this document, 'structured research degree' refers to an individual programme of study leading to the award of Masters by Research or Doctor of Philosophy, where the award is predominantly made on the basis of a piece of original research performed by the student, but where the student is also required to complete a structured component, comprising of credit-bearing mandatory and elective taught modules in generic and discipline-specific skills.
2. 'Research degree students' refers to students registered on a programme of study as described in Definition 1.

Purpose

This convention provides for the recognition of credit achieved on taught undergraduate and taught postgraduate modules in one institution for the purpose of completing a structured research degree in another institution. It will enable research degree students registered at one participating institution to complete modules available at another participating institution or institutions, and to have the outcomes recognised towards the completion of the structured components of their structured research degrees.

Participating Institutions

TUS:MMW

IT Carlow

WIT [or TUSEI]

GMIT

LYIT

IT Sligo [or ATU]

DkIT

IADT

Principles and Practices

- The participating institutions mutually recognise modules offered by each other for the purposes of completing structured research degree programmes in their own institutions, except where conditions applied to programmes following external validation do not permit it. Each participating institution will open its catalogue of modules for this purpose.
- All modules have an ECTS credit allocation and the weighting of that allocation will be recognised by all participating institutions.
- The module provider is responsible for the quality of the module, its delivery and its assessment. These internal quality systems are recognised by all of the participating institutions.
- A student registered for a structured research degree in one of the participating institutions, and who would benefit from taking a module not available in their home institution as part of the elective structured component of that degree, must have the approval of their supervisor(s) and programme coordinator or Head of Department / Research.
- Modules selected by a research degree student for the purposes of completing the structured component of their degrees must be agreed with the student's supervisor and the programme coordinator or Head of Department / Research in accordance with the postgraduate research degree regulations of the institution at which they are registered. The student must also be accepted by the module coordinator and / or Head of Department in the providing institution.

- Arrangements regarding student registration will be agreed between the pair of participating institutions.
- For the purpose of tracking achievement, records of student achievement will be maintained in each participating institution where the module is delivered.
- Participating institutions will charge the existing, standard rate for modules when they accept a research degree student from another participating institution.
- Module information provided by participating institutions may be mirrored on each other's systems to facilitate good communication with actual or prospective research degree students.
- Modules may be developed and delivered by several participating institutions. For the purposes of this agreement a co-developed/co-delivered module(s) may be recognised if at least one of the participating institutions has contributed substantially to its development and contributes substantially to its delivery.